

A. LISTENING (20 points)

Part 1. Listen to five short conversations and choose the correct answer. There's one question for each conversation. (5 points)

Question 1. What is the subject of the announcement?

- A. Being careful at school
B. Sharing food and drinks
C. Staying home from school
D. A flu going around at school

Question 2. What does the teacher instruct the students to do?

- A. Watch a dinosaur movie
B. Go to the dinosaur exhibit
C. Work on their dinosaur projects
D. Go to the museum with their parents

Question 3. What is probably true about the teacher?

- A. He never gives bad scores.
B. He is proud of the students.
C. He hasn't finished correcting tests.
D. He expected the students to do better.

Question 4. What does the principal instruct the students to do?

- A. Buy pizza
B. Eat lunch outside
C. Plant flowers and trees
D. Bring snacks to the party

Question 5. What are the students probably going to do next?

- A. Talk about fruit
B. Draw pictures of fruit
C. Hang up their pictures
D. Ask the teacher questions

Part 2: You will hear a recorded message about an art festival. You will hear the recording twice and choose the correct answer. (5 points)

Question 6. The festival takes place from _____

- A. 12 to 18 May
B. 12 to 28 May
C. 12 to 20 May
D. 12 to 30 May

Question 7. What is on at the Theatre Royal on 19 May?

- A. jazz
B. classical music
C. opera
D. pop music

Question 8. During lunchtime jazz concerts at the Corn Exchange they sell _____

- A. wine and sandwiches.
B. beer and pizza
C. soft drinks and light meals.
D. soft drinks and sandwiches.

Question 9. What is on at the cathedral?

- A. play
B. poetry
C. films
D. music

Question 10. You can't use a credit card if you book _____

- A. by telephone
B. by fax
C. by post
D. by internet

Part 3: You will hear a girl called Hannah talking about her family's champion horse called Griffon. Fill the missing information in the numbered space (NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS in each). You listen to the tape twice. (5 points)

GRIFFON THE HORSE

The show will be held in : (6) _____ next year.

The person who will ride the horse : (7) _____
 Two weeks ago Griffon won some : (8) _____ as a prize.
 Hannah wants to be a : (9) _____
 The family will give Griffon : (10) _____ when he wins.

Part 4: You will hear a conversation between a teenage girl called Anna and her father about a party. Listen and circle True or False. (5.0 points)

Question 16. Anna begins by asking her father to collect her from the party.

- A. True B. False

Question 17. The party is to celebrate Tom's birthday.

- A. True B. False

Question 18. Anna's father is worried about her attending the party.

- A. True B. False

Question 19. Anna's father will take them to the party before the film starts.

- A. True B. False

Question 20. Anna's father insists that she leaves the party at 12.00.

- A. True B. False

B. GRAMMAR- VOCABULARY- LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS

Part 1: Choose the word, phrase or expression which best completes each question below. (9.0 points)

Question 21. You can use my bicycle _____ you bring it back tomorrow.

- A. as long as B. although C. nevertheless D. in spite of

Question 22. His brother refuses to even listen to anyone else's point of view. He is very _____.

- A. open-minded B. kind-hearted C. narrow-minded D. absent-minded

Question 23. There is _____ in my bedroom.

- A. a square wooden old table B. an old square wooden table
 C. a wooden old square table D. an old wooden square table

Question 24. Shy people often find it difficult to..... group discussions

- A take place in B. take part in
 C. get on with D. get in touch with

Question 25. The factory is closed today. The workers are _____ strike because their demand _____ increase _____ pay has not been met.

- A. on – for – in B. in – for – in C. for – on – in
 D. on – in – for

Question 26. _____ snow that covers _____ top of _____ mountain is _____ beautiful sight.

- A. The – the – the – the B. The – the – the – a C. Ø – the – the – the
 D. Ø – Ø – the – the

Question 27. Global warming has progressed _____ glaciers everywhere are shrinking.

- A. too much that B. to such an extent that
 C. enough to cause D. so great an extent that

Question 28. Of the two dresses, the red one is _____.

- A. more beautiful B. most beautiful C. the more beautiful
D. the most beautiful.

Question 29. In the upcoming talent competition, Susie emerged as a dark _____, surprising everyone with her exceptional singing abilities despite being relatively unknown before.

- A. dog B. fox C. wolf D. horse

Part 2: Read the following advertisement / announcement and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks. (6.0 points)

You can do a lot of things with this small smartphone! This light, stylist phone has a special self-portrait feature (30) _____ helps you send great photos of yourself right away. Its (31) _____ will record important moments, so you can share them with friends. Besides standard text messaging and phone calls, it can keep you (32) _____ through emails, video calls, and social networking apps.

Question 30: A. that B. who C. whom D. where

Question 31. A. camcorder B. 3D printer C. music player D. e-reader

Question 32. A. connect B. connected C. connects D. to connect

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

Attention all students,

As we strive to (33) _____ a safe and conducive learning environment, we kindly remind everyone of the importance of adhering to school regulations. These regulations are designed to promote respect, safety, and academic excellence for all members of our school community.

Please remember to:

1. Respect school property and facilities.
2. Follow the dress code guidelines.
3. Refrain (34) _____ disruptive behavior in classrooms and common areas.
4. Adhere to the designated arrival and dismissal times.
5. Maintain academic integrity and honesty in all assignments and assessments.

Your cooperation in upholding these regulations is essential in fostering a (35) _____ and productive school environment. Let's work together to ensure a successful and fulfilling educational experience for everyone.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

SEASTAR LANGUAGE SCHOOL

- Question 33:** A. pretend B. advise C. maintain
 D. contain
- Question 34:** A. of B. from C. with
 D. in
- Question 35:** A. negative B. deductive C. positive
 D. conductive

Part 3: There are FIVE mistakes in the following paragraph . Identify and correct them. (5.0 points)

Most obviously, those exposing to weekly general music classes or private instrumental or vocal lessons will find an outlet for their creativity and self-expression. Therefore, a closer, more-scientific look at music will show that the advantages are indeed much greater than just increased creativity.

Research has showed that learning a musical instrument and merely learning how to read music assists a child in developing higher thinking skills, such as problem-solving and problem-finding, analysis, and evaluation. A child who learns to understand the aspects of reading music, including notation, key signatures, and other items find on a piece of music as well as the child who develops the ability following the sequence of notes, is using the same portion of the brain that is used in mathematics thinking. Gifted musicians, it’s reported, are often gifted mathematicians as well.

- Question 36.** _____ **Question 37.** _____
Question 38. _____ **Question 39.** _____
Question 40. _____

Part 4: Write the correct form of the words in brackets in the blanks to complete the sentences. (5.0 points)

Question 41. Without his teacher’s he would have given up long ago. (ENCOURAGE)

Question 42. _____ was one of three problems facing the Vietnamese government after the August Revolution in 1945. (LITERACY)

Question 43. He isn’t happy with his job because he feels he is _____ (PAY)

Question 44. _____, bread helps us to feel energetic as it contains iron as well as several essential vitamins. (ADDITION)

Question 45. This mobile app is _____ easy to install and use. (COMPARE)

C. READING

Part 1: Read the following passage and choose the correct phrase/clause to fill in the blanks. (5.0 pts)

The computer and its uses

Few industries have changed so much in such a short time as the computer industry, and the pace of change shows no sign of slowing. The computer now has a

role in almost every aspect of modern life, and it has radically affected the way people work, play, study and organise their lives.

As we enter the 21st century, computers are influencing ways of teaching and learning, as access to computers in schools is becoming more widespread and varied.

(46) _____ In a one-to-one mode, computers provide a wide variety of information and practice material. (47) _____ The one-to-one interaction students have with the computer, along with the immediate response to their answers, help to promote independent learning.

(48) _____ In the fast-changing world of business, employees are being physically removed from the workplace and the proximity of their colleagues, while remaining virtually connected via telephone, at the Internet. Laptop computers enable businesses people who travel to have access to important information and the touch of a key. (49) _____ Computers are used to solve time-consuming data-management problems, such as payroll calculations, keeping stock records, bank account transactions, airline reservations, and scientific and engineering computations. Computers are also important in the collection, organisation, storage, retrieval and interpretation of information. (50) _____

A. Look up facts on everything from who invented the plane to where to go on holiday.

B. In fact, they are essential tools in almost every field of work from constructing models of the universe to predicting tomorrow's weather reports.

C. Outside the classroom, computers provide people with greater flexibility and freedom and also allow them to organise their time in a more productive way.

D. Computers are machines which take over more mechanical aspects of our brain.

E. Their use enables the learner to develop at his or her own pace and makes the whole learning process more flexible.

F. Connections through a modem allow them to transfer data anywhere in the world.

G. They can also play a testing role in a range of subjects including Maths, English and Modern Languages.

Part 2: Read the passage and choose the best option for each space. (10 points)

The popular image of student life is of young people with few responsibilities enjoying themselves and (51) _____ very little work. This is often not true. Many older people now study at college or university, sometimes (52) _____ a part-time basis while having a job and looking after a family. These students are often (53) _____ motivated and work very hard.

Younger students are often thought to be lazy and careless about money but this (54) _____ is changing. In Britain reduced government support for higher education means that students can no longer rely on having their expenses (55) _____ for them. Formerly, students received a grant towards their living expenses. Now most can only get a loan (56) _____ has to be paid back. Since 1999 they have paid over £1 000 towards tuition (57) _____ and this amount will increase up to a maximum of 3000. In the US students already (58) _____ pay for tuition and room and board. Many get a financial aid package which may (59) _____ grants,

scholarships and loans. The fear of having large debts places (60) _____ pressure on students and many take part-time jobs during the term and work full-time in the vacations.

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| 51. A. producing | B. doing | C. making | D. carrying |
| 52. A. on | B. with | C. for | D. at |
| 53. A. mainly | B. absolutely | C. highly | D. adequately |
| 54. A. position | B. condition | C. state | D. situation |
| 55. A. to pay | B. pay | C. paying | D. paid |
| 56. A. who | B. what | C. which | D. whether |
| 57. A. charge | B. allowances | C. money | D. fees |
| 58. A. had better | B. may | C. have to | D. should |
| 59. A. consist | B. belong | C. include | D. compose |
| 60. A. large | B. generous | C. considerate | D. considerable |

Part 3: Read the text and choose the best answer A, B, C or D to each of the following questions. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes provided. (10 points)

History books recorded that the first film with sound was *The Jazz Singer* in 1927. But sound films, or talkies, did not suddenly appear after years of silent *screenings*. From the earliest public performances in 1896, films were accompanied by music and sound effects. These were produced by a single pianist, a small band, or a full-scale orchestra; large movie theatres could buy sound-effect machines. Research into sound that was reproduced at exactly at the same time as the pictures - called '**synchronized sound**' – began soon after the very first films were shown. With synchronized sound, characters on the movie screen could sing and speak. As early as 1896, the newly invented gramophone, which played a large disc carrying music and dialogue, was used as a sound system. The biggest disadvantage was that the sound and pictures could become unsynchronized if, for example, the gramophone needle jumped or if the speed of the projector changed. This system was only effective for a single song or dialogue sequence.

In the '*sound-on-film*' system, sound was recorded as a series of marks on celluloid which could be read by an optical sensor. *These signals* would be placed on the film alongside the image, guaranteeing synchronization. Short feature films were produced in this way as early as 1922. This system eventually brought us 'talking pictures'.

Question 61. The passage is mainly about the

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| A. history of silent movies | B. disadvantages of synchronized sound |
| C. development of sound with movies | D. research into sound reproduction |

Question 62. According to the passage, films using sound effects were screened

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| A. before 1896 | B. as early as 1896 | C. as early as 1922 | D. in 1927 |
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Question 63. The word '*screenings*' in is closest in meaning to

- A. projections B. revelations C. demonstrations D. diversions

Question 64. Which of the following is not mentioned as a producer of sound to accompany movies?

- A. a jazz singer B. single pianist C. a small band D. a gramophone

Question 65. It can be inferred that

- A. most movie theaters had a pianist
B. sound-effects machines were not common because they were expensive
C. orchestras couldn't synchronize sound with the pictures
D. gramophones were developed about the same time as moving pictures.

Question 66. According to the passage, gramophones were ineffective because they

- A. got out of synchronization with the picture.
B. were too large for most movie theaters.
C. were newly invented and still had imperfections
D. changed speeds when the needle jumped.

Question 67. The word 'sequence' is closest in meaning to

- A. interpretation B. progression C. distribution D. organization

Question 68. The phrase '*these signals*' refers to

- A. sounds B. series C. marks D. sensors

Question 69. According to the passage, *sound-on-film* guaranteed synchronization because the recording was

- A. made during the film of the picture. B. read by an optical sensor
C. inserted beside the image on the film D. marked on the gramophone

Question 70. Short feature films produced as early as 1922 _____

- A. were recorded by optical sensors B. put musicians out of work
C. were only effective for dialogue sequences D. preceding talking pictures

D. WRITING

Part 1: Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means exactly the same as the sentence printed before it (5.0 points).

Question 71. My mother was the most warm-hearted person I've ever known.

☛ I've _____

Question 72. Martin had difficulty in accepting the loss of his money.

☛ It was hard. _____

Question 73. Martin may not be very well but he still manages to enjoy life.

☛ Martin's poor _____.

Question 74. Sue is excited about going to Spain on holiday.

☛ Sue is looking _____

Question 75. Although it looks fierce, the dog has never bitten anyone.

☛ Fierce _____

Part 2: You are a member of your school's volunteer club. Write an email of about 100-120 words to a friend of yours and tell him/her about one of the most meaningful activities that you did for your community. (10 pts)

❖ *Your email should include:*

- *what activity you did*
- *how you did it*
- *why you did it*

❖ *You are required to sign your name as Jane.*

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**Love,
Mai Anh**

Part 3: Write a paragraph (about 100- 120 words) about what you like OR dislike about life in the countryside.(15 points)

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danh:.....
Họ và tên giám thị 1:..... Chữ
ký:.....
Họ và tên giám thị 2:..... Chữ
ký:.....